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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
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Lawrence GREENFIELD et al.) Group Art Unit: 1637
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Application No.: 10/800,137) Examiner: J. RILEY
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Filed: March 11, 2004) Confirmation No.: 6944
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For: COMPOSITIONS, METHODS, AND)
KITS FOR ISOLATING NUCLEIC)
ACIDS USING SURFACTANTS AND)
PROTEASES)
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Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Applicants now respond to the Office Action mailed August 9, 2006 ("Action"). Applicants request reconsideration and withdrawal of all outstanding rejections and objections. The due date for response has been extended to February 9, 2007, by the Petition for Three Month Extension of Time and the requisite fee filed herewith.

Applicants respectfully request entry of the following amendments and consideration of the following remarks.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks follow the amendments section at page 8 of this paper.